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quartered Unit 602, presumably a technical unit. Unit 601, probably an officer candidate school was also located at the barracks installation. [redacted] many high ranking visitors were at the installation. Colonel Wichert [redacted] commanding officer of Unit 602 left the installation in a sedan. [redacted] the four dummies involved in the parachute experiment had been taken along by Major Beyer [redacted] when his unit moved from Bautzen to Drewitz. [redacted] 4

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4. In mid-July 1953, the southwestern portion of the Panzer Kaserne quartered VPL School No 500. Of the mechanic school of the 1st VPL Div, which had previously been located in the northeastern portion of the barracks installation, only one company still remained. No other unit was stationed at Kamenz airfield. 3

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5. Before the Soviets left Cottbus airfield between 10 and 16 July, some of the weapons of MiG-15s were zeroed in and all aircraft stationed at the field were tested. After 16 July, only a rear detail charged with the loading of MiG-15 crates and the dismantling of nine underground fuel containers remained at the field. No aircraft were seen at the installation except for two biplanes which looked like cargo gliders. MiG-15s were not seen on any field occupied by VPL units. [redacted] Yak aircraft were still available in Drewitz. Cottbus and Drewitz airfields were completely evacuated by Soviet personnel; only 12 Soviet advisors remained in Cottbus. 4

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6. On 26 July, the headquarters of the Bereitschaft, formerly division headquarters, moved to the evacuated airfield buildings south of Burger Chaussee. The 1st VPL regiment also moved to these buildings. The supply battalion remained in the low wooden buildings. The VPL headquarters from Berlin occupied all buildings north of Burger Chaussee. The general staff administrative section of the VPL headquarters from Berlin appeared to have moved to the Funker Kaserne, where sizeable quantities of furniture were observed. On 10 August, the impending transfer of the signal communication course from Bautzen to Cottbus was expected. The 3d VPL Regt moved from Cottbus to Bautzen on 23 and 24 July. 2

7. The course for former German pilots which had been started in Kamenz allegedly did not have numerical designation 500 but 604. [redacted] On 10 August, the students of this course were receiving instructions in flying Yak-11s. Colonel Lehweß-Kitzmann, the VPL advisor for flight training, told these students that their training would start with Yak-11s. 3

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8. All supply battalions of the VPL air force were subordinate to a supply division which was also called Bereitschaft. [redacted]

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9. In late July, many of the motor vehicles of Supply Battalion [redacted] in Cottbus were employed on the haulage of food for the civilian population.

10. In mid-July [redacted] technical manuals on Yak-11s and Yak-18s, with the 2d VPL Regt in Drewitz. [redacted] they had been translated from the Russian. 4

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11. On 14 August, only a rear detail of the VPL headquarters remained in Berlin-Johannisthal. The billets which previously were occupied by a headquarters, were re-occupied by a new KVP unit. The former arms stock room and the central depot of the VPL were sealed by the new unit. The other sheds of the installation were empty.

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1. Comment. Information on the dissolution of the Main Administration for Transport and Agricultural Machinery in Dessau was transmitted previously.
2. Comment. Senior Lieutenant Dietrich, deputy commander for technical affairs at the 301st VPL Supply Bn was previously known in this assignment. The entrainment in Cottbus of aircraft crates was reported previously.
3. Comment. Colonel Wichert, reportedly the commanding officer of the 602d VPL Regt is reported for the first time. So far it had been assumed that Captain Zieros (fnu) was the commanding officer of this unit. Colonel Lehwess-Litzmann was known previously. Captain Dowidat is chief of the parachute department at the Hq 1st VPL Div.
4. Comment. Major Beyer was previously known as having the assignment of chief of staff of the 3d Bn in Bautzen. The 602d VPL Regt is believed to be stationed in Drewitz.

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